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Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor one of my constituents, someone that many of my colleagues may know, Darrell Waltrip. My colleagues might know him by his 84 racing victories, third best victory in NASCAR circuit or from his newest career in broadcasting. In middle Tennessee, we also know that he is a successful businessman.

But to those suffering with Multiple Sclerosis, he is more; he is a hero.

This year, Darrell is being honored by the Mid South Chapter of the National MS Society with the MS Hope Award for his outstanding dedication to helping end this devastating disease.

Darrell has given of his time and of his heart to educate the public on what we can do to help eradicate MS, and his support of the Mid South Chapter has been to expand the advocacy and research.

Today, I want to join those honoring Darrell Waltrip and thank him for his continuing fight against MS.

#### REPUBLICAN RHETORIC DOES NOT MATCH REALITY

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, well, the Republican rhetoric about the economy does not match the reality on this issue either. New figures show U.S. companies announced layoffs of more than 100,000 people last month.

If that is not bad enough, the pace of new job postings plunged in September to a mere 16,000. This is the President's economic equivalent of Mission Accomplished. Over the third quarter, job layoffs topped a quarter of a million workers. That is 20 percent worse than the last quarter, and they call it progress. The September figure for layoffs was the largest number in 8 months, and they call it progress.

They cannot create a job, so they create a sound bite. They do the same thing in Iraq every day. Things are getting better, they explain, while the rest of America looks at the nightly news and wonders what in the world these people are talking about. Every night, they deny what is before their eyes.

They have not done the job. The record is clear, and so is the outcome. In 27 days, the American people will give the President and the Vice President bus fare out of town.

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#### HONORING HAROLD ZINKIN

(Mr. RADANOVICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Harold Zinkin of Fresno, California, post-

humously for his service to his community and generous good will. Mr. Zinkin recently passed away on September 22, 2004.

Harold Zinkin was born in San Francisco, California, in 1922. As the son of Russian immigrants, this first-generation American lived a life that was nothing short of achieving the American Dream.

As a young man, Mr. Zinkin enlisted in the U.S. Navy in response to the attack on Pearl Harbor. Later he became a champion bodybuilder and was one of the patriarchs of California's fitness movement that rose out of the famed Muscle Beach. Mr. Zinkin's vision for the future of health and wellness came to fruition through his creation of revolutionary fitness equipment called the Universal Gym Machine. He was also instrumental in creating one of the most dynamic and successful shopping and entertainment complexes throughout California's Central Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Harold Zinkin for his tremendous service to his community, California's Central Valley and worldwide.

#### FAILING ECONOMIC HEALTH OF OUR NATION

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, as Americans head to the polls in 4 weeks, we should ask ourselves, Are we better off now than we were 4 years ago?

The answer lies in the facts, and the facts do not lie. Eight million people are looking for work and 1.4 million people lost their health insurance last year; 4.3 million people have slipped into poverty since President Bush took office, and a projected 10-year \$5.6 trillion budget surplus has turned into a \$422 billion annual deficit.

Families in my district are all too aware of the sad state of our economy. Unemployment they say is at its lowest at 5.4 percent; but unemployment in my district, in East Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley in Los Angeles County, is well above the norm. Just look at the schedule here. East Los Angeles, South El Monte, 9.8 percent, double-digit unemployment and it has been that way for the last 3½ years.

We know in my district that it is time for a change in leadership. We want jobs here. We want investments in America. We want to lift those boats.

#### 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

(Mr. COX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, this year is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Republican Party. Over a century and a half, from the abolition of

slavery, to the establishments of women's right to vote, to freeing millions of people in the Soviet Union, Afghanistan and Iraq, the Republican Party has been the most effective political organization in the history of the world in advancing the cause of freedom.

The right of American women to vote is a uniquely Republican accomplishment advanced by Republicans, opposed by Democrats. All of the leading suffragists, including Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony were Republican. The first woman elected to this House was Republican.

Today marks the birth of Mary Louise Smith in 1914, elected to be the first woman to chair the Republican National Committee. Each day of the year the Republican Freedom Calendar, prepared by the Republican Policy Committee, records an important achievement, an important milestone in the Republican Party's history of advancing the civil rights of every American. The calendar is available at [policy.house.gov](http://policy.house.gov) on the Internet.

#### LARGE CIVIL AIRCRAFT AGREEMENT

(Mr. DICKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, this morning the United States filed a World Trade Organization dispute settlement case against the European Union regarding billions of dollars in unfair subsidies provided to Airbus by European governments. The U.S. has also exercised its rights to immediately terminate the 1992 U.S.-EU agreement on large civil aircraft. That agreement placed limits on certain government support, including limiting it to one-third of the costs of developing a new character aircraft.

The time has come for the American Government to recognize the damage that has occurred to our economy and to take firm action to curtail what I believe is both unfair and illegal foreign competition. These subsidies from four European governments, which include aircraft launch assistance, capital injections, debt forgiveness, have enabled Airbus to develop and range market airliners well below cost. Unless this practice is checked, I am afraid it will threaten to drive the Boeing Company, Airbus' only remaining worldwide competitor and our largest net exporter, out of the commercial airline manufacturing business altogether.

Over the last few years Airbus has grown to dominate the large commercial aircraft industry, out-delivering Boeing for the first time in history in 2003. I want to support Ambassador Zellig's action. He has courageously filed this case on behalf of our government.